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on Tuesday, 19 November 1996, at 10 a.m.

In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 3714th meeting, held in private on 19 November 1996, the Security Council considered the question of the recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Council had before it document S/1996/952, containing the text of a draft resolution submitted by Botswana, Chile, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia and the Russian Federation, which read as follows:

'The Security Council,

'Having considered the question of the recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

'Recommends to the General Assembly that Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali be appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations for a second term of office from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001.'

"In a vote taken by secret ballot, the draft resolution received 14 votes in favour, one vote against and no abstentions. Since the negative vote was cast by a permanent member, the draft resolution was not adopted.

"The Council will continue its consultations on the matter."

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